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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

31 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Proposal for an NIE on Resistance Intelligence

1. With respect to the proposal of the Ad Hoc Resistance Intelligence Committee (RIC) for a new National Intelligence Estimate on resistance in the Sino-Soviet Bloc (IAC-D-75/8), the recommendations of the Board of National Estimates are as follows:

a. "In principle, we believe that separate estimates on resistance, covering the entire Sino-Soviet Bloc, are not justified. The subject is properly treated only in the context of an analysis of the political-economic situation as a whole. In the present case, however, in view of the new appreciation of the nature and extent of resistance potential we have derived from developments over the last year, we recommend that an estimate be undertaken.

b. "We agree with the RIC proposal that this estimate should take the form of its predecessor--a short general estimate, followed by country annexes coordinated at the working level and noted by the IAC. In contrast to the previous procedure, we recommend that contributions from interested agencies should be made to the RIC, which should then present coordinated country studies to O/NE along the lines of the annexes to NIE 10-55. These would constitute drafts of the country annexes, and form the basis for the overall estimate. Terms of reference would be drafted by O/NE, taking account of RIC advice."

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2. This matter will be placed on the agenda of the IAC meeting now scheduled for 4 June for appropriate action.



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